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SUBJ: UPPER HOUSE ELECTION LAW.

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MET JUNE 25 AND 26 AND FAILED TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO UPPER HOUSE ELECTION LAW. THEREFORE EXECUTIVE VIEWPOINT ON CHALLENGED PROVISIONS PREVAILS. UNDER BILL AS AMENDED, ELECTION WILL BE HELD AUGUST 30. REMAINDER OF ELECTION SCHEDULE, INCLUDING DATES FOR FILING CANDIDACIES, CAMPAIGN, ETC., WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY PRIME MINISTERIAL DECREE. (WE EXRECT FILING OF CANDIDACIES TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-JULY.)

2. ONE EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT ELIMINATED CLAUSE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE "CONCRETE PROOF" FOR DISQUALIFYING CANDIDATES ON GROUNDS THEY ACTED IN INTERESTS OF COMMUNISM OR "PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALISM." SOME LEGISLATORS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WITHOUT REQUIREMENT FOR CONCRETE PROOF, EXECUTIVE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS

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PROVISION OF LAW LOOSELY TO DISQUALIFY OPPOSITIONISTS.

3. TRANSLATION OF LAW FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.
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